

## Lee County

### **1. What does educational achievement mean to our community?**

- Better quality of life
- Lower crime rate
- Increase in property value
- Growth in population
- Economic development
- Attract industry
- High expectations and support for young people
- Caring/Nurturing community

### **2. What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed? (Strengths & Challenges)**

- More support for high school students
- Mentor and job shadowing
- More exposure to exactly what is expected at a job
- How to balance check book- life experiences outside their environment
- Preventive programs to keep children from being expelled from schools- boot camp
- Finding- statewide for schools
- Decreased class sizes (currently too large)
- Promote pregnancy prevention
- Parental involvement
- Churches and communities working with parents to help them help their children
- Make schools parent friendly
- Publicize the good news
- Need more people to participate in Adult Education
- Parents need to have high expectations instilled in their children
- Parents have barriers (discipline)
- Everyone has to have expectations that all children can achieve
- Family home-life has changed
- Parent training/ Accountability
- Making schools encourage and interact
- Head start initiative to get fathers more involved
- Don't focus on negative
- Information to parents
- Home economics that teach living and parenting skills
- Retired teachers read in schools
- Partnering with Mental Health to work with students
- Learn from success

#### **Strengths:**

- Lee County State Park
- Increasing number of students with high SAT scores
- Character Education- students help community pick-up which allows students to use the idea to come up with ideas for county to address litter

- Teachers volunteering for after school tutoring
- Recognize KIWANIS and National Council of N.W. 14<sup>th</sup> Ribbon-cutting Mary McLeod Bethune
- Recovery Program attendance make-up day
- Science in the campus
- FCA- held luncheon, public-private
- After school care
- Intervention
- Mentoring
- Dennis Intermediate Family Night

**Challenges:**

- Until the community comes together racially we won't work

**3. What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?**

- School mentors
- Lunch buddies
- Fatherhood initiative program
- Good business partnerships in the community
- KIWANIS club- primary school
- Mental health in school program
- Clemson extension
- Primary prevention

**4. What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?**

- (not listed)